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Sir:

FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR RESPONDING TO THE OFFICE ACTION
DATED APRIL 2, 2002

It is respectfully requested that the period for responding to the Office action dated April 2, 2002 now set to expire on July 2, 2002 be extended an additional two (2) month(s) so as to expire on September 2, 2002 making a total response time of only five (5) months.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$200.00 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1540. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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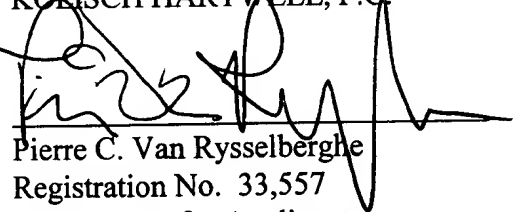
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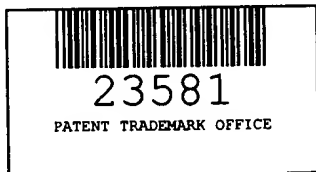

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